have been made in Uttar Pradesh, and, in and around Kolkata during 2001-02. Some of the important seizure cases are as under:—

Sl. No.	Date of seizure	Quantity	Location of seizure
1.	19-4-2001	10quintals	Allahabad (Uttar Pradesh)
2.	29.5.2001	8 nos.	Delhi
3.	16-8-2001	109 nos.	Burdwan (West Bengal)
4.	6-11-2001	18nos.	Delhi
5.	9-12-2001	45 quintals	Banaras (Uttar Pradesh)
6.	22-12-2001	155nos.	Burdwan (West Bengal)
7.	18-1-2002	1531 nos.	Bhangar (West Bengal)
8.	29-1-2002	30 kgs.	Habra (West Bengal)

(c) The steps taken by Government against such illegal transport are:—

- Improved vigilance around places of transit like railway stations, check posts on highways, etc.
- Coordination with other departments, like Railways, police, etc.
- Awareness generation among people to sensitise them against illegal transport of turties.
- At border check post with Bangladesh contacts have been made with customs department, police department, Border Security Force, district administration and panchayats, etc. for maintaining strict vigil.

Modernisation of food industry

1841. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new USA Bio-Terrorism Preparedness Act, providing security to the US food safety and security strategy, was signed by the US President on June 12,2002;

(b) whether country's exports to our food industry is modernized to meet US standards, USA and Western countries would be adversely affected; and

(c) if, so what are Government's views on this and its likely impact on our exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of India has enacted Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963 under administrative control of Ministry of Commerce and Industry, for the sound development of export trade from India through Quality Control and pre-shipment inspection. The processing establishments enaged in the production of fish and fishery products, milk products, egg products, honey and live crabs, lobsters and fishes are required to be approved by Export Inspection Council/Export Inspection Agencies and thereafter only they are allowed to process the products for export. Monitoring of such approved establishments at regular intervals by Export Inspection Agencies is mandatory. In view of this position, no adverse impact on our export is anticipated.

Modernisation of fruit canning factory in Tripura

1842. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tripura Government put forward a proposal in May, 2002 for modernisation of fruit canning factory under Tripura Small Scale Industries Corporation (TSIC) an expenditure of Rs. 50 lakhs;

(b) if so, what amount has been sanctioned and actually handed over to the State Government, so far; and

(c) whether the whole amount would be paid to the State Government very soon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) The Department of Industries and Commerce, Government of Tripura had submitted a proposal seeking financial assistance of Rs. 50.00 lakhs in the form of grant-in-aid for modernization of fruit canning factory run by Tripura Small Scale Industries Corporation Ltd. (TSICL).

(b) and (c) The proposal to provide grant-in-aid assistance of Rs. 50 lakhs was approved by Ministry of Food Processing Industries. Out of